Her letter sent to Dave Wrone

Dear Hazel,

4/20/79

It is probably that I have some old reel-to-reel tapes of some of the programs you listed but they are beyond retrieval, as I will explain. The best source for them is Ted Gandolfo, from whom I've not heard in a long time. I think his faith in and pointless fight with the HSCA turned him off entirely. The address I have is 1214 First Ave., New York 10021. You might still be able to get transcripts of some from the nets.

When I could not afford a cassette recorder I did use a reel one, which was before we moved to here. After we moved here I did get a cassette machine and never again used a reel. So all those reels I do have are still packed in a jumble as they were just thrown in boxes preparatory to our move, which coincided with a book coming out and all the work that meant.

In the ensuing years I have had no interest in those or similar programs because of the changed nature and direction of my work.

There is nothing I can do about the tapes I have until I can collect them and give them to Dr. David Wrone, History Department, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wisc., 55481, where all my papers will be deposited and to whom I've already given the more recent tapes I've made and do not need now.

It would be valuable to this archive, which will be far and away thelargest and most important one, for anything and everything you and the others over there have to have it as the final repository for it will be available to more people that way in the future and will be helpful to more people, who will be using it most of all. To illustrate what I mean a friend has already deposited the equivalent of 25 file drawers a materials, I have sent perhaps half that much already, and I still have about 60 full file cabinets and am getting more all the time. Probably a quarter of a million pages of once-secret official records will be included. If I live long enough, more.

This also goes for any tapes you have. I've sent those you provided after listening to them. I'll be glad to hear any others and will then send them, as I have, with identification of the source. Wrone is a thoroughly responsive PhD and the outstanding bibliographer in the field. The interviews you mention do sound interesting.

For my purposes the HSCA's printed stuff holds little value. I'm interested in only a little of the testimony and technical reports. I'm not buying the crap. If you want to be sure of getting it I think the best way is to order from our Government Printing Office. The main office is in Washington and with that title will reach it. Some is now available. If you have ordered it from them they may have sent what is available by surface mail.

Delays with publishers, as with your novel, are normal. They are abnormal that way. Over here from the time of acceptance to publication is usually at least six months. And I've had some never respond. Don't restrict yourself to one of them when there is delay without any word.

Considering everything my wife and I are fine. We are getting older but we are still at it despite health problems. I try to keep myself in shape by what work I'm capable of when the weather permits and I still strat work early every morning. As in recent years it is almost all with the Freedom of Information Act to get the records available. Many cases in court and much time taken administratively- with a considerable amount of success. I'm happy to say that I'm feeling well, am in good spirits and despite my 66 years my muscles or some of them permit me to lift what a local professor friend 20 years long could not lift last week. But if I stay at that kind of endeavor the circulatory system rebels quite rapidly so I've had to learn how to limit what I do and for how long I do it. The land is coming to life again and I'm rejuvenated with it. Recent mornings I've been pruning dead branches from the pines and coverting them into finely-chippee mulch. Yesterday afternoon I started pushing a mower and had no problems. So I'm OK, thanks. Please give all your colleagues warmest greetings and ask them also to arrange for their records to be deposited with Wrone. If Gandolfo doesn't have what you want, perhaps Penn Jones does. Best wishes,